

## FREE ROUTES

### The Soda Cap Connector

The Soda Cap Connector connects you to major downtown Columbia destinations. The route is free and runs 7 days a week.



PLAN  
YOUR TRIP



FIND  
YOUR STOP



CATCH  
YOUR BUS  
OR TROLLEY

Look for the Soda Cap stop signs and wrapped buses and trolleys for free travel between destinations!

### SODA CAP CONNECTOR ROUTES

#### ROUTE 1: MAIN ST. TO THE VISTA AND WEST COLUMBIA/CAYCE

**Stops:** The South Carolina State Museum, the Convention Center, the West Columbia Riverwalk and more.

#### ROUTE 2: MAIN ST. TO FIVE POINTS AND UOFSC

**Stops:** Benedict College, Allen University, COMET Central and more.

#### ROUTE 3: MAIN ST. TO SEGRA PARK

**Stops:** Columbia Fireflies game days only, running every 25-30 minutes.

### OPERATES:

**SUN.-WED.:** Every 30 minutes 9 a.m.-7 p.m.  
**THU.-SAT.:** Every 30 minutes 9 a.m.-midnight

### The Orbit

The Soda Cap Connector Orbit is a downtown loop with stops every half an hour. The route is free and runs 7 days a week, Mon.-Fri. 7:15 a.m.-7:35 p.m., and Sat.-Sun. 9:15 a.m.-6:35 p.m.

The route runs along Sumter, Blossom, Assembly and Richland Streets with stops near the State House, the University of South Carolina, Prisma Health Baptist and the Richland Library.

Plan your trip, find your stop and catch your bus or trolley.



## FIRST MILE, LAST MILE

connections to get you where you need to be.

### COMET on the Go! with Lyft

The COMET will pay up to \$5 for Lyft ridesharing trips that start and end in The COMET fixed route service area through:



- **The COMET @ Night:** 7 days a week 9 p.m.-3 a.m., apply the promo code that is available on board the inside of The COMET buses.
- **The COMET to the Market:** 7 days a week 6 a.m.-8 p.m. using promo code COMETMARKET20. This promo code can only be used twice a week per passenger. Your trip must start or end at a fresh food market within a food desert area.

If you do not have a smartphone or require mobility device access, please call **803- 255-7124** to request service.



### Blue Bike SC

The Blue Bike SC bikeshare program is intended to be an extension of a passenger's transit trip, making it easy to rent a bicycle and get to where you need to be. Riders on The COMET can access a code from the bus that allows 45 free minutes of use on any Blue Bike, located at various stations within downtown Columbia.

To locate Blue Bike rental stations, visit [bluebikesc.com](http://bluebikesc.com).



## How to Catch The COMET

A guide to all of the services the Midlands' reliable transit system has to offer.

[CATCHTHECOMET.ORG](http://CATCHTHECOMET.ORG)

803-255-7100





is here to take you there



## ADDITIONAL SERVICES

## HOW TO CATCH THE COMET



### 1. PLAN YOUR TRIP

The easiest way to plan your trip is to use the Catch the COMET mobile app from Google Play or the App Store.

- From the app, click the bottom right menu and find links to Transit, TransLoc Rider and Routes — all resources to plan your trip and track your bus in real time.

You can also locate your route using our system map at [catchthecometssc.gov/routes](http://catchthecometssc.gov/routes). Once your route is selected, review its schedule and locate the time point nearest you to estimate the time you need to be at your stop. (We recommend arriving 5 minutes before your bus is scheduled to depart.)



### 2. FIND YOUR STOP

Stops and shelters are hard to miss. Each is designed with bold colors and the route numbers are clearly displayed. Transit stop signs list the routes that serve each stop and will coincide with the numbers on the bus.

Need help planning your trip or locating your route? Call 803-255-7100.



### 3. BUY YOUR BUS PASS

- You can buy your bus pass in advance at COMET Central or on our Catch the COMET mobile app.
- You can also buy your pass on the bus.
- The COMET offers pass incentive programs and discounts for many passengers including students and seniors. Visit [catchthecometssc.gov/fare-info/](http://catchthecometssc.gov/fare-info/) for more information.



### 4. CATCH YOUR BUS

Make sure the bus driver can see you. Check the destination sign on the front, curbside or rear of the bus to ensure you board the correct route.

Buses do not have to stop at every stop. When you want to get off of the bus, pull the cord near the window or call out “next stop” to request a stop. Give your driver at least 500 feet of notice.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The COMET buses lean down and are ramp accessible.
- Each bus can hold 3 bicycles on the rack on the front of the vehicle.

## TRACK YOUR BUS

### 3 EASY WAYS:

1. View the system map at [thecomet.transloc.com](http://thecomet.transloc.com).
2. Download our Catch The COMET mobile app.
3. Text the word “COMET” and the bus stop number on the sign where you are boarding to 41411.

## TRAVEL TRAINING

Travel training is a free service provided by The COMET to educate individuals on how to plan a trip, read bus schedules, purchase and use bus fare, and board the bus.

To sign up, call 803-255-7130.

### Dial-A-Ride Transit (DART)

If you have a disability that prevents you from using The COMET fixed route system, you may qualify for Dial-A-Ride Transit (DART) service.

DART is an origin-to-destination demand response paratransit service. It operates in Richland and Lexington Counties within a 3/4 mile radius of either side of a The COMET non express fixed route in accordance with the Americans for Disabilities Act (ADA). The DART service days and times of service are based on The COMET’s fixed-route bus system. Each one-way trip is \$4.

Individuals who meet ADA criteria for paratransit service can apply for DART service through the following:

- **Online:** [catchthecometssc.gov](http://catchthecometssc.gov)
- **Phone:** 803-255-7123
- **Email:** [info@TheCOMETsc.gov](mailto:info@TheCOMETsc.gov)
- **Postal Mail:** DART Application Request  
The COMET  
3613 Lucius Road  
Columbia, S.C. 29201

For more information, visit [catchthecometssc.gov/dart-service/](http://catchthecometssc.gov/dart-service/)

### ReFlex

The ReFlex is a bus route that is flexible enough for the bus to make a detour to pick up a passenger not on an existing route or stop. Riders must live within a certain radius of the bus route called the “flex zone.” The 3 ReFlex routes include route 31: Denny Terrace, route 47: Eastover/Gadsden, and route 97: Batesburg-Leesville.

To schedule a ReFlex pick-up, call 803-255-7123.

### The COMET Vanpool

The COMET Vanpool is designed to assist employees in forming vanpools for the home-to-work commute. A monthly subsidy of \$500 is available to help with the cost of the vanpool. Commute with Enterprise provides 7, 12 and 15-passenger vans. Vans must originate or end in Richland or Lexington Counties. A minimum of 5 people, including the primary driver is required for formation.

For more information, visit [commutewithenterprise.com](http://commutewithenterprise.com) or call 1-800-VAN-4-WORK.